

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the appropriate paragraph of specification in accordance with proposed changes as outlined herein below:

Please further amend Paragraph **0068** on pages 16 and 17, as follows:

**[0068]** The forceps/tweezers handle or apparatus 400a of the present invention illustrated in Figures 3A and 3B has an arc shape with the concave side 402a at the top surface ~~[[side]]~~ and an extension from the convex side 401 at the bottom surface ~~[[side]]~~ of each opposing blade. Each opposing blade 440a of the forceps/tweezers handle 400a has a corresponding proximal section 410a, middle section 420a and distal section 430a. The proximal sections 410a of each blade 440a meet and are connected by a radial hinge 403a at the proximal end 413a of the forceps/tweezers handle 400a. The convex sides 401a have a corresponding extension or extension support member 422a from a corresponding middle section 420a of the forceps/tweezers handle or apparatus 400a, the extension or extension support member 422a projecting downwardly relative to the bottom surface ~~[[side]]~~ of the corresponding opposing blade, and with the extension support member 422a extending transversely relative to the direction of motion of the opposing blades. Also, the extension support member 422a typically extends from the corresponding blade without being in direct communication with the other of the opposing blades, such as illustrated in Figures 3A and 3B. The distal sections 430a each continue from the corresponding middle section 420a of the forceps/tweezers handle or apparatus 400a of the present invention. Also, as illustrated in Figures 3A and 3B, each distal section 430a has a corresponding distal end 432a as a working end.